

MISSIONARY STORIES

REAL STORIES ABOUT SPREADING GODS WORD

The Man Everyone Forgot, But Jesus Loved!

THIS STORY IS ABOUT: JESUS LOVES AND HEALS EVERYONE

BIG IDEA

No one is too sick, too lonely, or too far away for Jesus to love. He can heal what nobody else can, and He makes the forgotten feel special again!

THE STORY

In a village in Africa where Nona and Bug Freeman were sharing about Jesus, there lived a very lonely man. He was sick with a disease called leprosy, which had hurt his hands, his feet, and his face.

Because he was sick, the man had to live all by himself, far outside the village. Everyone stayed away from him. He felt forgotten and hopeless, and he thought no one in the whole world cared about him.

But then he heard some wonderful news. Two missionaries had come, and they were telling everyone about a Savior named Jesus who loves all people! The man wondered, could Jesus possibly love someone like ME?



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THE STORY CONTINUES

He came to a meeting, but he sat far away, all by himself, the way he always did. After the service, he found the courage to come closer and ask a question: "Is there any hope for someone like me?"

The Freemans smiled with kind hearts. "Oh yes!" they said. They gathered around him and prayed for him in the name of Jesus. And they didn't stop there. Week after week, the believers kept loving him and praying for him.

Then something began to happen that left everyone amazed. The sores on his skin started to heal! The disease that had been getting worse for years suddenly stopped. Slowly, he grew strong again!

When the doctors looked at him later, they were astonished. They could not explain it. The sickness had stopped in a way medicine could never do. But the missionaries knew exactly Who had done it. It was Jesus!

The man was so full of joy that he was baptized in the name of Jesus and filled with the Holy Ghost. He was a brand-new person, inside and out!

And here is the best part. The man who had once lived all alone, the one everyone had pushed away, was now able to come back home to the village. And he couldn't stop telling everyone what Jesus had done for him!

Because of his healing, many, many people in that village wanted to know Jesus too. The man nobody wanted became one of God's happiest helpers. That is how much Jesus loves every single person!



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DID YOU KNOW?

- Nona and Bug Freeman were real missionaries who wrote down many true healing stories from Africa in their books.
- Leprosy is a real sickness that affects the skin and nerves, and in Bible times people with it often had to live apart from others.
- In the Bible, Jesus reached out and healed people with leprosy when no one else would even touch them.
- Doctors who examined the healed man could not explain medically why his disease had stopped, but the missionaries knew Jesus had done it!

MEMORY VERSE

“Jesus put forth his hand, and touched him, saying, I will; be thou clean. And immediately his leprosy was cleansed.” Matthew 8:3

LET'S TALK ABOUT IT

1. Why did the sick man have to live all alone, far away from the village?
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- 2 What brave question did the man ask the Freemans after the meeting?

- 3 How did the doctors react when they saw the man was healed, and Who did the missionaries say healed him?

- 4 Jesus loved the man everyone else had forgotten. Is there someone at school or in your neighborhood who feels left out that YOU could be kind to?

- 5 After he was healed, the man told everyone about Jesus. What is one good thing Jesus has done for you that you could share with someone?

LET'S PRAY

Dear Jesus, thank You that You love every single person, even the ones who feel forgotten or left out. Thank You that You can heal what no one else can. Help me to be kind to people who feel lonely, just like You are. In Your wonderful name I pray, Amen.

TRY THIS!

Make a 'You Are Special' card! Think of someone who might feel lonely or left out, maybe a classmate, a neighbor, or an older person. Make them a bright, cheerful card that tells them they are loved and special. Giving it away is a way to share the love of Jesus, just like the missionaries did!

